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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

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Appl. No.: 09/227,881

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For: **Nucleic Acids, Kits and Methods
for the Diagnosis, Prognosis and
Treatment of Glaucoma and
Related Disorders**



Art Unit: 1643

Examiner: Not Assigned

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Petition For Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants request that the period for responding to the outstanding Notice be extended Five (5) months, from April 8, 1999 to September 8, 1999.

The petition fee (37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)) is believed to be \$1850 for a Five (5) month extension. Fee payment is provided in our accompanying Check No. 315919. However, if extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 other than those provided herewith are required to prevent abandonment of the present patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 08-3038. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature of David J. Kulik.

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